



*From the Pad of Pat Peters,
Director, Southern District Alliance Women
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Are you enjoying the beauty of God's glorious colors this Fall? How wonderfully He planned the changes of the seasons, providing a feast for our eyes in each one. And, He also has given us so much to encourage us day by day: His mercies are renewed each morning; His promises are strong and true; He is the same TODAY - even as He was yesterday and will be tomorrow! Great, indeed, is His faithfulness.



"Make the Moment Possible" ... Are you excited about our new AW theme, seeing the many ways God can use us even amid our busy lives? I trust you have been able to communicate this to your ladies, and to your Church as a whole via the DVD that was included in your Resource Guide. If you have not as yet shown that DVD, please talk with your pastor today so that he might give you a time slot for that.

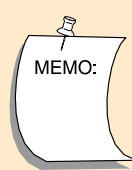


An idea! Have a large, clear jar near your "Make the Moment Possible" poster and/or theme décor for the collection of loose change. Encourage everyone in your Church Family to participate in giving to the National Project - men and children can get involved, too! (One of our small AW groups collected nearly \$300 two years ago and \$400 this past year in this manner.)



Speaking of last year's Project ... The total amount received by our National Treasurer for the 2005 - 2006 National Project, "Member Care," was \$310,650.06. Thank you, each one, who encouraged participation in this, and gave as well.

District Retreat! District Retreat! District Retreat!!



What a wonderful weekend 63 of us experienced at the Springville Camp and Conference Grounds in Odenville, AL last month! The facilities were most pleasant, the food delicious, the fellowship warm, and most importantly, the spiritual refreshing exceptional. God blessed and used Mrs. Janice Kropp to minister to our hearts in special ways. She is a very animated speaker, and the truths she imparted about being Christ to others as well as passing His truths from generation to generation touched all of our hearts. We are already booked for the Springville facilities for **next year's Fall Retreat: October 19 - 21**, so please mark it on your calendar now and plan to be with us.



I would note here, for those of you concerned that we are not using the District's Poplar Point Camp, that we have not made this decision lightly. As a Committee we see great value in our Camp, and do appreciate its purpose and goals. However, because of the layout as well as housing facilities, it is very difficult for older women, or even younger ones with physical problems, to attend. I have communicated this to the Blanchards, and they responded that they fully understand - and some day, trust to have facilities that will be more "mature" and access friendly. They have been most gracious, and we ask that you pray for them and their development of our Poplar Point Camp.



*** * * * * NEW DISTRICT MISSIONARIES!! * * * * ***

The Lord has given our District another missionary couple!!

Nathan and Rachel Greenfield, with membership in our Genesis Church in Foley, AL, will be leaving early in January for Jordan to work in the Mission office, he as business manager and she as accountant. They are presently in Colorado for pre-field orientation and a crash course in language learning and cultural adaptation skills. They ask that we pray for a smooth transition to this new task, and for wisdom as they embark on this journey. They desire to be an encouragement to others, even as they are encouraged, in this step. Finally, they ask that we pray that they will find a tenant to rent their home in Alabama before the end of this month.



*** * * * * Recent REQUESTS from other District Missionaries * * * * ***

**Bernie and Renee' Anderson,
Jonathan and Cori,
serving in Mongolia**

- Pray that each of them maintains a consistent and passionate walk with Jesus.
- Pray for Jonathan and Cori as they attend the International School with its challenges and adjustments. Pray they will have close friends.
- Pray for grace and quickening of minds as Bernie and Renee' study language.
- Pray for the Ulaanbaatar Church, for leaders and leadership development, and, for new facilities.

Judy Gaskin, serving in Indonesia

- * Pray for her as she and Vicki, a TEAM missionary from Papua, evaluate and set goals for the AWANA program.
- * Pray for Judy as she attends the Regional Area AWANA Conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia October 29 - November 5, and, for the local AWANA Conference that will follow November 5 - 9.
- * Pray for Judy and her Camp leadership as they embark on a building program; they are asking the Lord for \$20,000 to complete this multi-purpose center/dorm.
- * Pray for her as she meets with the newly elected District Sunday School Coordinators, (10 from all over Indonesia), to plan and set up a five-year program.
- * She is praising the Lord for His faithfulness in all areas of her life and ministry, and is looking forward to Peggy's visit for Thanksgiving and Christmas, complete with a promised turkey and ham!! (I wonder how she will manage the latter??!!)

A note of thanks....

Many of you have been praying for Nancy Lewis, a former Southern District Director as she recuperates from her hip surgery. The following is a note from her:

"THANK you, each one, who prayed for me and sent cards of encouragement. God did wonderful work through my surgeon. I woke up without any pain in my hip other than some discomfort on the surgical site. I am walking with a walker now and doing exercises that the PT gal gave me to do. I'm doing extremely well for all that had to be done. Praise the Lord for giving strength for each day. I miss all of you Southern District women; I've many wonderful memories of your faithfulness to God. Keep on! Love in Christ, Nancy"

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IMPORTANT!! Please note a PERSONNEL CHANGE

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As you may recall, at our luncheon held during District Conference this past April, we elected a new Treasurer, Mrs. Edie Tubbs. Over the past few months, however, Edie has found she cannot keep up with the responsibilities of this position, and so has relinquished the same. For the present time, your Committee has asked Mrs. Marilyn Martin, who also serves as Secretary, to serve as our Treasurer. Marilyn works for a para-church organization in Birmingham, World Reach, and has experience in both the secretarial and accounting fields.

From henceforth, then, when sending funds to our AW District Treasurer, address them to **MRS. MARILYN MARTIN, 3532 CLAYTON DRIVE, BIRMINGHAM, AL 35216**. Always indicate from whom and for what the money is designated when you send the same to her!
Thanks!

We want to thank Edie for her willingness to tackle the position of Treasurer, and we ask that you pray for her as she continues with her responsibilities as our Alliance Women's AMT Director, and, as the District's Director of Missions Mobilization.

Financial Reports for the previous six months should reach your Area leaders in the near future. Please be patient with us just a little longer.

*** * * * * Do You Have a Personnel or Address/E-Mail Change??? * * * * ***

If you do, send Marilyn Martin this information so she can make changes for the Directory.
Thank You!

A REMINDER to all Local Treasurers re the this quarter's giving schedule:

October

DAKAR Dorm Call

November

District Expense Fund*

Gulf Coast Area only -

Your Expense Fund

December

Outfit Call

*If possible, \$2.00 per AW member

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Your District Committee has voted to discontinue giving to the "Toccoa MK Christmas" at this time. Toccoa Falls College is a part of a very large and caring District, and, at present, the Southern District has no MK's attending the School. Thank you for your part in this in the past.

Also, our National AW Ministries Team is asking that, where possible, each group give a **total** of \$50.00 **per year** to the National Expense Fund. (Voluntary giving to the NEF has not increased over the past 20 years!) They are planning some interesting innovations re materials and contacting local Directors and pastors' wives directly, and the increase in our giving will help them do this without charging us.



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* As many of you are aware, at both the Spring and Fall Retreats, march offerings were taken for our District responsibility, the MK School at Dakar, Senegal. At Ridgecrest, \$800.00 was received, and that was given to our C&MA dorm parents to help purchase sleeping bags for the kids to use as they minister on outreach trips. (At our Fall Retreat, Marilyn Rurup shared with us the excitement of the kids and a bit about one of their recent trips.) At Springville, another \$448.00 was received, and that has been sent to help with the purchase of vans for our dorms. Thus, our total of giving through our Retreats this year has been \$1,248.00. We thank the Lord and you for your generosity.

* In January, Edie Tubbs, our District Missions Mobilization Director, will be traveling with other MM directors to various parts of Africa. She will be honing in on Senegal, and Dakar in particular. As a District AW Committee, we would like to send with Edie some good DVD's and music CD's, for our MK's at the School. And this is where your AW group and church come in!!

If you would like to help with these gifts, **please send your money to our Treasurer, Mrs. Marilyn Martin**, (address listed above) **by December 15** at the very latest. Your Committee will do the actual purchasing of the DVD's and CD's for Edie to carry with her. Thanks in advance for your thoughtfulness toward these special MK's!

LOOKING AHEAD

Continue to encourage your ladies to pray, plan, and save for *Celebrate'08* in Louisville, KY, January 17 - 20, 2008. You have the brochures, and, information can be found on the web site www.lifeimpactcma.org.



Finally, do not forget your adopted MK's and EK's during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. These young ones are precious in His sight, and they do enjoy the ways we remember them. Their parents are grateful for your part in their children's lives, and especially for your prayers.

